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CONCERNING A SUBMISSION	ON UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371	10/77/2028					
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2003/12058	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 30 October 2003 (30.10.2003)	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 30 October 2002 (30.10.2002)					
TITLE OF INVENTION IMPROV	ED METHODS FOR GENERATING M	ULTIPLE RNA COPIES					
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US	t Boender						
Applicant herewith submits to the United St	ates Designated/Elected Office (DO/EC	D/US) the following items and other information:					
1. This is a FIRST submission of items co	oncerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 37	1.					
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3. This is an express request to begin nat (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.	ional examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 37	(1(f)). The submission must include items					
4. The US has been elected (Article 31).							
5. A copy of the International Applicatio	n as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))						
a. is attached hereto (required	d only if not communicated by the Internation	nal Bureau).					
b.  has been communicated by	y the International Bureau.						
c. is not required, as the appli	ication was filed in the United States Receiv	ing Office (RO/US).					
6. An English language translation of th	e International Application as filed (35 U.S.C	C. 371(c)(2)).					
a. is attached hereto.							
b. has been previously submi	itted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).						
7. Amendments to the claims of the Inte	ernational Application under PCT Article 19	(35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))					
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b. have been communicated	by the International Bureau.						
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d. have not been made and	will not be made.						
8. An English language translation of the	ne amendments to the claims under PCT Ar	ticle 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).					
9. An oath or declaration of the inventor	An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).						
10. An English language translation of th Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).	e annexes of the International Preliminary E	examination Report under PCT					
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11. An Information Disclosure Statement	An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.						
1 = '	ng. A separate cover sheet in compliance wi	ith 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.					
13. A preliminary amendment.							
14. An Application Data Sheet under 37	CFR 1.76.						
15. A substitute specification.							
16. A power of attorney and/or change of	f address letter.						
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of PCT Application No. PCT/EP2003/12058

Title: IMPROVED METHODS FOR GENERATING

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Applicant: Piet Boender Our File: 65959/50

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 U.S.C. § 371 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.495, enclosed please find an application for patent in the name of Piet Boender, entitled "IMPROVED METHODS FOR GENERATING MULTIPLE RNA COPIES," for entering the national stage in the United States of America, comprising the following:

- 1. a Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. § 371;
- 2. a copy of PCT Application No. PCT/EP2003/12058 as published under PCT Publication No. WO 2004/044239 A1, including cover pages (2 pages), specification (26 pages), claims (5 pages), figure (1 page); sequence listing (2 pages); and International Search Report (5 pages);
- 3. a copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (15 pages);
- 4. a Preliminary Amendment (9 pages);

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- 5. an Information Disclosure Statement including copies of the references cited in the International Search Report;
- 6. a check in the amount of \$1200.00 to cover the total filing fee; and
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Respectfully submitted,

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